

**THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR  
AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A  
STANDARD SERVICE OFFER PURSUANT  
TO R.C. 4928.143, IN THE FORM OF AN  
ELECTRIC SECURITY PLAN.**

**CASE No. 16-1852-EL-SSO**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR  
APPROVAL OF CERTAIN ACCOUNTING  
AUTHORITY.**

**CASE No. 16-1853-EL-AAM**

**ENTRY**

Entered in the Journal on September 5, 2017

{¶ 1} Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio) is an electric distribution utility as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(6) and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 2} R.C. 4928.141 provides that an electric distribution utility shall provide consumers within its certified territory a standard service offer (SSO) of all competitive retail electric services necessary to maintain essential electric services to customers, including a firm supply of electric generation services. The SSO may be either a market rate offer in accordance with R.C. 4928.142 or an electric security plan (ESP) in accordance with R.C. 4928.143.

{¶ 3} In Case No. 13-2385-EL-SSO, et al., the Commission modified and approved AEP Ohio's application for an ESP for the period beginning June 1, 2015, through May 31, 2018, pursuant to R.C. 4928.143. *In re Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 13-2385-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (Feb. 25, 2015), Second Entry on Rehearing (May 28, 2015), Fourth Entry on Rehearing (Nov. 3, 2016), Seventh Entry on Rehearing (Apr. 5, 2017).

{¶ 4} On November 23, 2016, in the above-captioned cases, AEP Ohio filed an application that, if approved, would modify the ESP and extend its term through May 31, 2024.

{¶ 5} By Entry dated February 7, 2017, an evidentiary hearing in these matters was scheduled to commence on June 6, 2017. Subsequently, on June 6, 2017, the evidentiary hearing was rescheduled to commence on August 8, 2017, in order to afford the parties sufficient time to fully explore the possibility of reaching a resolution of some or all of the issues raised in these proceedings.

{¶ 6} On August 2, 2017, Staff filed a motion for a continuance of the evidentiary hearing. In the motion, Staff stated that, although some of the parties had reached a settlement agreement in principle, additional time was necessary to complete the drafting process. On August 3, 2017, the attorney examiner granted Staff's motion for continuance, such that the evidentiary hearing was continued to a date to be determined in the future. A status conference was also scheduled for August 16, 2017.

{¶ 7} The status conference was held, as scheduled, on August 16, 2017. During the status conference, AEP Ohio indicated that the process of finalizing the settlement agreement remained ongoing.

{¶ 8} On August 25, 2017, AEP Ohio filed a joint stipulation and recommendation (stipulation) for the Commission's consideration.

{¶ 9} A prehearing conference was held on August 31, 2017.

{¶ 10} In order to assist the Commission in its review of the stipulation, the attorney examiner finds that the following procedural schedule should be established:

- (a) Testimony in support of the stipulation should be filed by September 13, 2017.

- (b) Testimony in opposition to the stipulation should be filed by October 11, 2017.
- (c) An evidentiary hearing shall commence on November 1, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-A, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

{¶ 11} Further, the attorney examiner finds that, for all discovery requests served after the issuance of this Entry, responses should be provided no later than ten calendar days after service of the requests. Discovery requests and replies shall be served by hand delivery, e-mail, or facsimile (unless otherwise agreed by the parties). An attorney serving a discovery request shall attempt to contact the attorney upon whom the discovery request will be served in advance to advise him/her that a request will be forthcoming (unless otherwise agreed by the parties). To the extent that a party has difficulty responding to a particular discovery request, counsel for the parties should discuss the problem and work out a mutually satisfactory solution.

{¶ 12} It is, therefore,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in Paragraph 10 be adopted. It is, further,

{¶ 14} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/Sarah Parrot

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By: Sarah J. Parrot  
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry setting forth a procedural schedule as indicated in Paragraph 10. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Sarah Parrot, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio